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Dear Mr. Helms:

In connection with the Subcommittee's inquiry into the F-111 aircraft program, I wrote to you on June 22, 1967, asking for your agency's estimate of the threat to the fleet in the early 1970's. Your reply, giving that assessment, was in a letter dated July 7, 1967.

I would appreciate it very much if you could provide the Subcommittee with an updated estimate in this same area. Much information has appeared in the public press since last July regarding new and advanced Russian aircraft prototypes. It would be valuable to have a separate comment on the effect these new aircraft are expected to have in our relative air warfare capabilities.

Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated, and please allow me to express our thanks for your prompt response last year.

Sincerely yours,

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